

specified in § 622.38(h), may not be sold or purchased.

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**§ 622.46 Prevention of gear conflicts.**

(a) No person may knowingly place in the Gulf EEZ any article, including fishing gear, that interferes with fishing or obstructs or damages fishing gear or the fishing vessel of another; or knowingly use fishing gear in such a fashion that it obstructs or damages the fishing gear or fishing vessel of another.

(b) In accordance with the procedures and restrictions of the FMP for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico, the RD may modify or establish separation zones for shrimp trawling and the use of fixed gear to prevent gear conflicts. Necessary prohibitions or restrictions will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(c) In accordance with the procedures and restrictions of the FMP for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources, when the RD determines that a conflict exists in the king mackerel fishery between hook-and-line and gillnet fishermen in the South Atlantic EEZ off the east coast of Florida between 27°00.6' N. lat. and 27°50.0' N. lat., the RD may prohibit or restrict the use of hook-and-line and/or gillnets in all or a portion of that area. Necessary prohibitions or restrictions will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

**§ 622.47 Gulf groundfish trawl fishery.**

Gulf groundfish trawl fishery means fishing in the Gulf EEZ by a vessel that uses a bottom trawl, the unsorted catch of which is ground up for animal feed or industrial products.

(a) Other provisions of this part notwithstanding, the owner or operator of a vessel in the Gulf groundfish trawl fishery is exempt from the following requirements and limitations for the vessel's unsorted catch of Gulf reef fish:

(1) The requirement for a valid commercial vessel permit for Gulf reef fish in order to sell Gulf reef fish.

(2) Minimum size limits for Gulf reef fish.

(3) Bag limits for Gulf reef fish.

(4) The prohibition on sale of Gulf reef fish after a quota closure.

(b) Other provisions of this part notwithstanding, a dealer in a Gulf state is exempt from the requirement for a dealer permit for Gulf reef fish to receive Gulf reef fish harvested from the Gulf EEZ by a vessel in the Gulf groundfish trawl fishery.

**§ 622.48 Adjustment of management measures.**

In accordance with the framework procedures of the applicable FMPs, the RD may establish or modify the following management measures:

(a) *Caribbean coral reef resources.* Species for which management measures may be specified; prohibited species; harvest limitations, including quotas, trip, or daily landing limits; gear restrictions; closed seasons or areas; and marine conservation districts.

(b) *Caribbean reef fish.* Size limits, closed seasons or areas, fish trap mesh size, and the threshold level for overfishing.

(c) *Coastal migratory pelagic fish.* For cobia or for a migratory group of king or Spanish mackerel: MSY, overfishing level, TAC, quota (including a quota of zero), bag limit (including a bag limit of zero), minimum size limit, vessel trip limits, closed seasons or areas, gear restrictions (ranging from regulation to complete prohibition), reallocation of the commercial/recreational allocation of Atlantic group Spanish mackerel, and permit requirements.

(d) *Gulf reef fish.* (1) For a species or species group: Target date for rebuilding an overfished species, TAC, bag limits, size limits, vessel trip limits, closed seasons or areas, gear restrictions, and quotas.

(2) SMZs and the gear restrictions applicable in each.

(e) *Gulf royal red shrimp.* MSY, OY, and TAC.

(f) *South Atlantic snapper-grouper and wreckfish.* For species or species groups: Target dates for rebuilding overfished species, MSY, ABC, TAC, quotas, trip limits, bag limits, minimum sizes, gear restrictions (ranging from regulation to complete prohibition), and seasonal or area closures.

(g) *South Atlantic golden crab.* MSY, ABC, TAC, quotas (including quotas

equal to zero), trip limits, minimum sizes, gear regulations and restrictions, permit requirements, seasonal or area closures, time frame for recovery of golden crab if overfished, fishing year (adjustment not to exceed 2 months), observer requirements, and authority for the RD to close the fishery when a quota is reached or is projected to be reached.

(h) *South Atlantic shrimp*. Certified BRDs and BRD specifications.

(i) *Gulf shrimp*. Bycatch reduction criteria, BRD certification and decertification criteria, BRD testing protocol, certified BRDs, and BRD specifications.

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#### APPENDIX A TO PART 622—SPECIES TABLES

TABLE 1 OF APPENDIX A TO PART 622—  
CARIBBEAN CORAL REEF RESOURCES

##### I. Sponges—Phylum Porifera

- A. Demosponges—Class Demospongiae
  - Aphimedon compressa*, Erect rope sponge
  - Chondrilla nucula*, Chicken liver sponge
  - Cynachirella alloclada*
  - Geodia neptuni*, Potato sponge
  - Haliclona* sp., Finger sponge
  - Myriastrea* sp.
  - Niphates digitalis*, Pink vase sponge
  - N. erecta*, Lavender rope sponge
  - Spinossella polycifera*
  - S. vaginalis*
  - Tethya crypta*

##### II. Coelenterates—Phylum Coelenterata

- A. Hydrocorals—Class Hydrozoa
  - 1. Hydroids—Order Athecatae
    - Family Milleporidae
    - Millepora* spp., Fire corals
    - Family Stylasteridae
    - Stylaster roseus*, Rose lace corals
  - B. Anthozoans—Class Anthozoa
    - 1. Soft corals—Order Alcyonacea
      - Family Anthothelidae
      - Erythropodium caribaeorum*, Encrusting gorgonian
      - Iciligorgia schrammi*, Deepwater sea fan
      - Family Briaridae
      - Briareum asbestinum*, Corky sea finger
      - Family Clavulariidae
      - Carijoa riisei*
      - Telesto* spp.
    - 2. Gorgonian corals—Order Gorgonacea
      - Family Ellisellidae
      - Ellisella* spp., Sea whips
      - Family Gorgoniidae
      - Gorgonia flabellum*, Venus sea fan
      - G. mariae*, Wide-mesh sea fan

- G. ventalina*, Common sea fan
- Pseudopterogorgia acerosa*, Sea plume
- P. albatrossae*
- P. americana*, Slimy sea plume
- P. bipinnata*, Bipinnate plume
- P. rigida*
- Pterogorgia anceps*, Angular sea whip
- P. citrina*, Yellow sea whip
- Family Plexauridae
- Eunicea calyculata*, Warty sea rod
- E. clavigera*
- E. fusca*, Doughnut sea rod
- E. knighti*
- E. laciniata*
- E. laxispica*
- E. mammosa*, Swollen-knob
- E. succinea*, Shelf-knob sea rod
- E. touneforti*
- Family Muriceidae
- Muricea atlantica*
- M. elongata*, Orange spiny rod
- M. laxa*, Delicate spiny rod
- M. muricata*, Spiny sea fan
- M. pinnata*, Long spine sea fan
- Family Muriceopsidae
- Muriceopsis* sp.
- M. flavida*, Rough sea plume
- M. sulphurea*
- Plexaura flexuosa*, Bent sea rod
- P. homomalla*, Black sea rod
- Plexaurella dichotoma*, Slit-pore sea rod
- P. fusifera*
- P. grandiflora*
- P. grisea*
- P. nutans*, Giant slit-pore
- Pseudoplexaura crucis*
- P. flagellosa*
- P. porosa*, Porous sea rod
- P. wagneri*
- 3. Hard Corals—Order Scleractinia
- Family Acroporidae
- Acropora cervicornis*, Staghorn coral
- A. palmata*, Elkhorn coral
- A. prolifera*, Fused staghorn
- Family Agariciidae
- Agaricia agaricities*, Lettuce leaf coral
- A. fragilis*, Fragile saucer
- A. lamarcki*, Lamarck's sheet
- A. tenuifolia*, Thin leaf lettuce
- Leptoseris cucullata*, Sunray lettuce
- Family Astrocoeniidae
- Stephanocoenia michelinii*, Blushing star
- Family Caryophyllidae
- Eusmilia fastigiata*, Flower coral
- Tubastrea aurea*, Cup coral
- Family Faviidae
- Cladocora arbuscula*, Tube coral
- Colpophyllia natans*, Boulder coral
- Diploria clivosa*, Knobby brain coral
- D. labyrinthiformis*, Grooved brain
- D. strigosa*, Symmetrical brain
- Favia fragum*, Golfball coral
- Manicina areolata*, Rose coral
- M. mayori*, Tortugas rose coral
- Montastrea annularis*, Boulder star coral
- M. cavernosa*, Great star coral
- Solenastrea bournoni*, Smooth star coral
- Family Meandrinidae
- Dendrogyra cylindrus*, Pillar coral